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1. ACTING FONMIN BUTROS GHALI TOLD PRESS DEC 1 THAT
CAIRO CONFERENCE WILL BE CONVENED BETWEEN DEC 10 AND 15.
DATE NOT FIRM SINCE EGYPT HAS YET TO RECEIVE ALL "OFFICIAL"
REPLIES. FONMIN ADDED EGYPT HAS NOT DECIDED WHETHER TO
INVITE PALESTINIANS OTHER THAN PLO. GHALI SAID NO "OB-
SERVERS" WILL BE PERMITTED ATTEND. NOTED HE WILL ANNOUNCE
COMPOSITION EGYPTIAN DELEGATION WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS.

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2. FOLLOW-ON CONFERENCE. GHALI SAID QUESTION OF POSSIBLE
FOLLOW-ON MEETING PREMATURE, AND DENIED RECEIVING IN-
VITATION FROM UN SYG TO ATTEND SESSION IN NEW YORK.
NEVERTHELESS, EGYPT WOULD NOT OPPOSE ANOTHER SESSION.

3. IN (UNDATED) INTERVIEW WITH "PARIS MATCH", RELEASED
HERE DEC 2, SADAT SAID FUTURE OF PEACE WILL BE DETERMINED

AT CONFERENCE. CLAIMED "PEACE COULD BE CONCLUDED IN CAIRO BUT, IF GENEVA CONSIDERED BETTER PLACE, HE WILL GO TO GENEVA." SADAT CLAIMED ONLY 4 OUT OF 21 ARAB LEAGUE MEMBERS OPPOSE EGYPTIAN INITIATIVE.

4. PRESS ACCOUNTS. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS, CAIRO CONFERENCE WILL ADDRESS "TECHNICAL ASPECTS" OF GENEVA CONFERENCE INCLUDING FIXING DATE FOR THIS SESSION. PRESS SAYS EGYPTIAN TEAM, COMPOSED OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS SPECIALIZING IN MIDDLE EAST POLITICAL AND LEGAL QUESTIONS, WILL BE HEADED BY UNDER SECRETARY OF FOREIGN MINISTRY WITH AMBASSADORIAL RANK.

5. SITE. DEC 1 EGYPTIAN SECURITY OFFICIALS TOLD US CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD, AND DELEGATES HOUSED, AT MENA HOUSE (IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY PYRAMIDS). SITE CHOSEN BECAUSE OF EASE WITH WHICH AREA CAN BE SEALED OFF TO PROVIDE SECURITY. EGYPTIAN ARMY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PERIMETER DEFENSE; POLICE WILL BE INSIDE COMPOUND. PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR DELEGATES TO BE TRANSPORTED FROM AIRPORT TO MENA HOUSE BY HELICOPTER. REPORTEDLY, ALL OTHER HOTEL GUESTS WILL BE EVICTED FOR DURATION OF SESSION.

6. PRESS. PRESS WILL BE HOUSED IN NEARBY JOLIE VILLE HOTEL, WITH POSSIBLY SOME PLACED IN WING OF MENA HOUSE, IF THIS SPACE NOT NEEDED FOR CONFERENCE. SOME OFFICIALS CONFIDENTIAL

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CLAIM THEY WILL BE ABLE HANDLE BETWEEN 600 AND 800 JOURNALISTS--BUT THIS WILL REQUIRE DOUBLING, TRIPLING OR QUADRUPLING-UP IN ROOMS.

7. ANOTHER SITE? HOWEVER, DEC 2 GUMHURIYYA CLAIMED THAT FOLLOWING MEETING OF BUTROS GHALI, MINISTERS OF TOURISM, INFORMATION, COMMUNICATIONS, CHIEF GENERAL INTELLIGENCE, CHIEF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, GOVERNORS OF CAIRO AND GIZA, IT WAS DECIDED TO CHANGE VENUE TO UNDISCLOSED SITE FOR SECURITY REASONS. (TUNISIAN DIPLOMAT CLAIMS IT WILL BE HEADQUARTERS FORMER CONFEDERATED ARAB STATES IN HELIOPOLIS.) WE SEEKING CONFIRM. IN ANY CASE, GHALI REPORTEDLY SAID CONFERENCE WILL MEET AT "ROUND TABLE."

8. KOSHER. MENA HOUSE MANAGER OBVIOUSLY STILL ANTICIPATES HOUSING DELEGATIONS. VISITOR YESTERDAY FOUND HIM BURIED IN PILE NEWLY ACQUIRED KOSHER COOKBOOKS. SAID CAIRO'S LAST REMAINING KOSHER BUTCHER HAS BEEN DRAFTED INTO SERVICE FOR DURATION OF CONFERENCE WHILE KOSHER COOK BEING SOUGHT IN EUROPE. EILTS

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